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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Akira ASAKURA *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/470,667

Filed: December 22, 1999

For: **NOVEL ALCOHOL/ALDEHYDE
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2001, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. With this extension, the due date for reply to the Office Action is February 28, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. Please charge any

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